

Arizona Depository Library Council

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2009

Location: Arizona State Library & Archives
1700 W Washington, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Also connect virtually via Live Classroom (<http://webj.wimba.com>).

Attendees (in person):

Jan Buckwalter
Pat Esposito
Janet Fisher
Victoria Trotta
Brad Vogus

Institution:

Phoenix Public Library
Pima County Public Library
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
ASU, Sandra Day O'Connor Law Library
ASU Libraries

Attendees (virtual):

Susie Acton
Sean Evans
Mollie Gugler
Camille O'Neill
Trish Pelletier
Atifa Rawan
Sandy Rizzo
Beth Schuck
Denise Shroyer
Kerry Skinner

Institution:

Northland Pioneer College
Northern Arizona University
Yavapai College
Arizona Western College
Apache Junction Public Library
University of Arizona Library
City of Mesa Library
Northern Arizona University
City of Mesa Library
ASU, Sandra Day O'Connor Law Library

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Announcements

Janet Fisher and Sandy Rizzo both attended the AzLA Regional Forum "Mining for Resources" in Globe on April 17. Janet presented with Vinny Alascia, State Documents/Arizona Memory Project librarian, on finding state and federal government resources.

AzLA programs put together ideas for programs for the 2009 AzLA Annual Conference. The proposed programs include 2 presentations by Jerry O'Donnell from the Census Bureau's Denver office (Transforming Census/Survey Data into Community Knowledge; Census 2010), "Under the Spotlight: Transparency in Government" by Brad Vogus,

“Finding the Way: Assistance when times are tough” by Sandy Rizzo and Janet Fisher, and an update on the “Arizona Memory Project (AMP) & National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)” by State Library and Archives staff. Robert McWhirter also submitted a proposal for a presentation on another together. We will not be informed of which programs have been selected for the annual conference for a few months.

OLD BUSINESS

Education Committee --

Want to provide virtual training through Live Classroom. May go back to the Gi21 resources and select a subject, make necessary revisions and provide training on the module. The decision on which subject areas to be presented will be made later. Camille is interested in assisting. Sandy and Pat will select a couple of recommended topics.

State Plan – Sandy and Pat will look at the SWOT analysis and prepare a draft. There are 6 themes and threads to work with.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Depository Library Conference Update

Brad and Janet attended, in addition to two library directors – GladysAnn Wells, State Librarian, and Carla Stoffle, University of Arizona Library. There were several plenary sessions where directors took an active role in the discussion querying GPO about the future of regional depositories. Many questions were posed, without response from GPO. The regional depository librarians and a few directors have formed a task force to look at the future of regionals, and a recommendation was made by Council for GPO to work with an outside consultant to develop a plan.

FDsys is up and being tested by some libraries at this time.

Many of the handouts and presentation materials are available on the FDLP Desktop.

A segmentation survey will be sent to each depository in the coming weeks, so we will identify our primary and secondary type of business. The results of this survey will affect the look and information on the Biennial Survey that will be sent out this October.

The new version of Ben’s Guide is due out this summer.

Revisions to the Substitutions List are being looked over by regional depositories and will make comments before the fall of this year.

Draft Council recommendations were discussed.

Regional/Selective structure and cooperation –

The special meeting of the State Librarian and Arizona Council in April 2009 looked at the current situation with budget implications.

If structure didn’t exist, how would we create this construct today? Do we need to stay in the same structure as we used in the 1960’s? It was suggested that public libraries want free electronic access and to circulate popular books to the public. The SWOT analysis will give us some direction.

DEPOSITORY UPDATES

Pima County Public – The Main Library is being redone with a computer commons. Federal Documents are shelved at the end of Dewey system in a good traffic area and not in a hard-to-find area. State and local documents will be integrated into the Reference area.

Phoenix Public Library – Going with plan developed earlier this year. Reclassify documents into Dewey and integrate Documents Reference and Regular Reference together. They have changed ILS's to Polaris. Trying to retrospectively catalog documents.

Arizona State Library & Archives – Continue public service hours from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. through end of fiscal year (June 30). We lost a documents clerk and staff are working across divisional lines to help each other with projects.

Arizona State University, Hayden Library – Furloughs, budget cuts, hiring freezes have all occurred. One staff person was let go and the State Documents position that was recently vacated has been frozen. Dan Stanton is still there, but is working on Personnel activities for the University Libraries in addition to documents work that he does.

University of Arizona – Atifa is focusing on working with collections and partners in the state to digitize some historical government document. She is interested in ideas about specific historical collections or titles that might be useful to Arizona for digitization. The University of Arizona Library budget situation is similar to ASU and NAU.

Northern Arizona University – They are working on 4% additional cut for FY10. They also have a hiring freeze on the few remaining positions, so everyone is doing more work. Also have furloughs coming in FY10. Sean continues to provide strong training for our services staff. We are cataloging some older forestry related documents to increase access.

Apache Junction – They have a similar scenario to other libraries. Buyout within city government and they lost 5 people -- the Director, Children's Librarian, Youth Services Library Assistant, Government Documents Library Assistant (Bonnie Lopez), and Account clerk. None of those positions will be filled. Spencer Paden is the Acting Director. Trish Pelletier and Linda Konopitski will both work on Federal Documents. Have a wonderful Children's library and interactives going on. Item selection has been cut and a strong focus on electronic documents.

Yavapai College – Changed final stage of offer process for discards. They are now offering discards to the public after all depositories and libraries have had the opportunity. The Prescott Valley Public Library is opening this year. Yavapai College will have space in that Library's building, as well as a small space for the Yavapai Library. No new staff have been approved, so discussions continue on staffing. This fall, the college will move to Symphony. Also, the college will be open 4-days a week (not Friday, Saturday or Sunday)

Arizona Western College – Campus-wide hiring freeze. College president will retire in June 2009, and efforts are being made to hire a replacement soon. Some new buildings have been built on campus, and the student body has grown. Camille spoke to a Rotary group and hopes to continue that. She has transferred information on government documents in a LibGuide.

City of Mesa – Lost over 50 positions in the Library. Those that stayed got salary cuts. Library hours have been cut, but the branches have added Saturday hours. Denise is taking care of Periodicals, in addition to Documents. They will be able to hire an ILL person. The federal documents staff were directed to cut their item selections, and now they are only selecting 21.6%. Weeding has also taken place. Tax season went smoothly. A guide to federal legal publications was created and will be posted near the legal collection as well as on their web page.

Arizona State University, Law Library –

Vacated a large room, weeded some older materials to pare it down and relocated the government documents area on upper floors. The documents retained are more accessible now. Elvie Calhoun continues to go back and add records for old, uncataloged federal documents to the catalog.

University of Arizona, Law Library –

Jacque Kasper is planning to retire this summer. Another support staff person will take over the duties related to the collection and will be overseen by a librarian on staff.

The next meeting of the Arizona Depository Library Council will be set for the fall. A specific date in October or November 2009 will be confirmed later.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.